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CC: "Michael Kulik" <Kulik.Michael@epamail.epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA News Release: EPA to Begin Sampling Water at Some Residences in Dimock, Pa.

Wow! Too long! Happy New Year.

Yes send her over. I don't think we've ever had news media tag along so I'll need to check with the regional staff and lawyers about what the protocol might be. Please have her cc my colleague Mick Kulik.

From: Sarah Hoyer [sarah.hoyer@turner.com]
Sent: 01/19/2012 04:44 PM EST
To: Betsaida Alcantara
Subject: FW: EPA News Release: EPA to Begin Sampling Water at Some Residences in Dimock, Pa.

Hi Betsaida-

Long time no talk! I hope this finds you well!

I just wanted to give you a heads up that we will be doing a feature on fracking in Pennsylvania and would LOVE to be able to tag along when you collect samples in Dimock!

I have passed your information onto my colleague Jessi Joseph who will be calling you to see if we can set something up.

Talk soon!

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EPA to Begin Sampling Water at Some Residences in Dimock, Pa.

PHILADELPHIA (Jan. 19, 2012) – The U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency announced today that it plans to perform water sampling at approximately 60 homes in the Carter Road/Meshoppen Creek Road area of Dimock, Pa. to further assess whether any residents are being exposed to hazardous substances that cause health concerns. EPA's decision to conduct sampling is based on

EPA's review of data provided by residents, Cabot Oil and Gas, and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. "EPA is working diligently to understand the situation in Dimock and address residents' concerns," said EPA Regional Administrator Shawn M. Garvin. "We believe that the information provided to us by the residents deserves further review, and conducting our own sampling will help us fill information gaps. Our actions will be based on the science and the law and we will work to help get a more complete picture of water quality for these homes in Dimock." The sampling will begin in a matter of days and the agency estimates that it will take at least three weeks to sample all the homes. All sampling is contingent on access granted to the property. EPA expects validated results from quality-tested lab to be available in about five weeks after samples are taken. In addition, EPA is taking action to ensure delivery of temporary water supplies to four homes where data reviewed by EPA indicates that residents' well water contains levels of contaminants that pose a health concern. EPA will reevaluate this decision when it completes sampling of the wells at these four homes. Current information on other wells does not support the need for alternative water at this time. However, the information does support the need for further sampling. Natural gas plays a key role in our nation's clean energy future and the Obama Administration is committed to ensuring that the development of this vital resource occurs safely and responsibly. At the direction of Congress, and separate from this limited sampling, EPA has begun a national study on the potential impacts of hydraulic fracturing on drinking water resources. For additional information regarding this site please visit the

website at:

http://www.epaossc.org/dimock_residential_groundwater

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